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## **GUN AND DRUGS GETS ORANGE COUNTY MAN LIFE IN PRISON**

(Beaumont, TX) A 31-year-old Orange, Texas man has been sentenced to Life in federal prison plus five years for gun and drug violations in the Eastern District of Texas. **MARCUS TREMAIN ARNOLD** was sentenced for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime by United States District Judge Ron Clark yesterday. Arnold had been convicted by a jury on January 6, 2005 after a three-day trial.

According to information presented in court, Orange Police officers executed a search warrant at Arnold's residence in Orange on April 28, 2004 and discovered 94 grams of 'crack' cocaine, quantities of marijuana and PCP, a pistol and drug trafficking paraphernalia.

Prior to this offense, Arnold was convicted in 1992 and 1995 for possession of a controlled substance in Orange County, Texas and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in 1992 in Newton County.

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Federal firearms violations are prosecuted under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative. PSN is a comprehensive, strategic approach to gun law enforcement that targets gun crime and violent offenders in an effort to make our communities safer. Over the past four years, law enforcement across America increased federal gun crime prosecutions by 76%. Here in the Eastern District of Texas, gun crime prosecutions are up an impressive 93%.

**Matthew D. Orwig, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas said, "This is a serious offense with a serious sentence. Convicted felons should decide whether it is worth spending the rest of their life in prison."**

The case was investigated by the Orange Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Robert Hobbs prosecuted the case.

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